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TO: Lee Huguley
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SUBJECT: Background information regarding Number 2 Mound Street/
1725 North L.K. Sullivan

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During my phone conversation with Tom Pozzo (April 17, 1987 memo), I was informed that he did not believe the three power lines under the Mississippi River existed. Therefore, I contacted Graig Brown of the USCG through Cynthia Dillon of the USCG at 425-5823 for further information.

As a result of my conversation with Mr. Brown on April 24, 1987, the following was established:

When he was involved with the site in approximately 1972, three power lines ran from the pump house to Illinois, and one ran from pump house to the power plant. He further added that the oil was lubricating oil from tanks in the basement. At the close of our conversation, Mr. Brown suggested I contact Tom Kniestedt, General Manager, of Apex Oil in Clayton, Missouri, through 889-9600 for additional information.

I was not able to speak with Mr. Kniestedt until April 27, 1987, and the following was established. Mr. Kniestedt works for Petroleum Fuel and Terminal Company, a subsidiary of Apex and Clark Oil. In 1975, the oil coming from the power plant was tested by the US Coast Guard and found to possibly be hydraulic oil or crude oil. Furthermore, the pump house was the water intake building for the water supply for the hydraulic steam pumps in the plant. However, he did not possess knowledge regarding the presence of the power lines to Illinois or from the pump house. At the close of our conversation, Mr. Kniestedt informed me that the Coast Guard Commanders between 1975-1978, were Commanders Rowe and Tanos, and one had the substance tested for PCB content, and it was found with less than fifty parts per million.

With this new found information, I again contacted Cynthia Dillon of the USCG and she agreed to explore the possibility of records existing in her agencies archives.

On May 6, 1987, Cynthia Dillon informed me that unless she had an exact date of testing or file number, she would be unable to confirm or deny the testing for PCB's by her agency.

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My next involvement with the site did not occur until August 4 and 7, 1987, when I spoke with Eric Hess of Ecology and Environment, an EPA contractor. During my phone conversations with Mr. Hess (913-432-9961), he informed me that during the first week of September, 1987, he would be in St. Louis. He further added that he would like to review our premise File, and conduct a sampling effort at the site.

Therefore, as new information becomes available, I will forward same to you.

cc Thomas Astorino, Deputy Assistant Health Commissioner
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